Under the name of "The New York Idea" Langdon Mitchell has satirized the Flanagan system of marriage; and, aided by Mrs. Fiske and her quondam Manhattan company, now successfully housewarmed at the Lyric achieved an undoubted vogue

of laughter. "Fellow a whim," is the motto of the play, and let the divorce court do the

The off again, on again couple is presumally not unknown in other cities of this country and in other countries of this world, but the success of this play on the road demonstrated that others are glad to lay the sin at our door, and its success last night in this midst of ours showed that we are not unwilling to own it. It is not an especially new play, nor an especially good play, except as it is abundantly amusing. To see it is not to love the art of comedy with all thy heart; but it is to laugh at thy neighbor as thyself.

Mr. Mitchell calls his offering "a play." In its theme, as in the prevailing tempo, it is a comedy. But in the action and general characterization it is as preposterous. as incredible as the wildest farce. Better skits have been written in France on the same subejet. Mrs. Fiske herself has played "Divoreons," and in this same theatre only a few weeks ago we saw "The Love Letter"-both by Sardou. Those pieces were firmer in technique, more even and consistent in action, fresher and more vivid in characterization-in a word, first

The people of Mr. Mitchell's play are as wildly irresponsible as the folk in a farce by Labiche. But they will be forgiven, for they are almost as funny. One trembles to think what would happen if the acting were not superlative. But Mrs. Fiske as the errant wife was at her comeliest and most vivacious. Mr. Arliss had full scope for his lightest, easiest and most finished style as an English baronet who falls in love with two divorcées at a single first sight and marries one of them. And Mr. Mason lent warmth and conviction to a rather incredible divorced husband. Any question as to what might have been is

There are two pairs of divorced people, and one of the wives is about to marry the other husband. The scheme of the play is the familiar one of rounding up all four in successive scenes. The skill in execution scarcely transcends that of the farce of commerce. But the slamming door of the Palais Royal is absent, and so is the indecoru n. It is quite preposterous, but

altogether quiet.

The one original situation comes, as it should, at the end of the third act. Mrs. Karslake, who is about to marry her second in his austere mansion on Washington Square, has passed the hour of the wedding in an automobile indiscretion with Sir Wilfred; but even though it is approaching

midnight her intended is game.

The guests are assembled and the choir boys in place, ready to chant the bliss of eternal love at the raising of the clergyman's hands. Then Mrs. Karslake lightly does a 23, and when the parson raises his hands in horror the choir boys, in obedience to instructions, raise their chant to the bliss

of eternal love.

For the rest, the laughter is occasioned mainly by the lines. Bernard Shaw has not lived in vain. Sometimes the wit was forced enough. Many an old wheeze was again asthmatical. But there was enough of the vintage of 1908 to carry the whole. If the action and the people had rung as true as the lines the occasion would have been a triumrh without reservations.

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It must not be omitted that this very anomalous play is inspired by a moral purpose. It is not a heavy or a forbidding moral purpose, but yet unmistakably it is a moral purpose, but yet unmistakably it is a moral purpose. Marriage is apostrophized as a barbed wire fence stretching from Fifth avenue to Dakota. The successive husbands are the posts and presumably the wives are the barbed wire. Again marital intercourse is trenchantly defined not as polygamy nor yet as promiscuity, but as progressive polyandry.

The question of children is as ightly and as seriously touched on. Not the least of the feats of Sir Wilfred is to intersp reshis wooings of the brace o grass w dows with eulogies on the blessing of file children. Horses and horse racing bulk large in this m rital marry-go-round, and finally a sage groom is in pired to point out very gravely that when husband and wife don't hit it off it's hard on the horses.

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It is pleasant to welcome the old Manhattan company in their new home, and the town will delight in laughing with them. But the piece as a whole is scarcely worthy of American players.

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### HE WAS A MODEL KEEPER. Escaped Patient Gets a Job at Matteawan

-Was All Right Until He Got Drunk. POUGHKEEPSIE, Nov. 19 .- When Joseph Schroeder applied to Dr. Lamb, superintendent of the Matteawan State Hospital for the Insane, for a position as attendant the doctor thought that he would mak a model keeper and straightway hired him. He was a well built man and seemed to be above the average intellectually.

In his new uniform of blue Schroeder car. ied his head high and acted like a man who had had years of experience in handling the insane. He ruled with an iron hand, yet he was kind and considerate to the men whom he was placed over. He made such a hit with Dr. Lamb that some of the other attendants began to get envious. The new keeper was reserved and so uncommunicative about himself and his pastifie that nobody was able to win his confidence, and he came to be regarded as a mystery in the institution.

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One day last week, after Schroeder had served for several weeks as a model keeper, he was given an afternoon off and spent it in the village. It is said that there was hardly a saloon on Main street that he didn't visit and he showed a capacity that the bartenders marvelled at. Late in the afternoon he rolled unsteadily back to the hospital and appeared in his ward a transformed man. His pleasing bearing was gone and he was ugly to the patients. News of his misconduct quickly reached the office and Dr. Lamb had the man stripped of his uniform and discharged. According to custom, Dr. Lamb wrote to other state asylums warning them against eming to custom, Dr. Lamb wrote to other State asylums warning them against employing Schroeder and giving a minute description of the discharged attendant, He received a letter from the arylum at Amityville. L. I., saying that Schroeder was a patient who had escaped from that institution. The man has disappeared and the authorities have no idea where he has sone.

CHARLES KLEIN'S NEW PLAY. The Daughters of Men" Produced With a

Strong Cast and Well Received. "The Daughters of Men," Charles Klein's new play, was produced last night at the Astor Theatre. A first night audience more enthusiastic than usual was on hand, and by persistent work got a few words of thanks from the author at the end of the second act. The play will likely be as great a popular success as Mr. Klein's "The Lion and the

The struggle between capital and labor furnished to Mr. Klein his theme. Many sentiments were exploded and applauded promptly. An oration on the brotherhood of man took like one of Tom Rock's speeche in the late campaign.

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Through it all runs the love story. The woman of the rich is in love with the man of good birth and breeding who has chosen to serve the cause of the people, and he is in love with her, and they marry, presumably, after the little matters of duty and conscience have had their fling.

The "great scene" of the play was scheduled to be the meeting of Grace Crosby, this daughter of liberty, in the rooms of the self-chosen servant of the people.

Louise was also in love with him. This scene dragged last night. The contrast between the quiet dignity of the self-contained woman of birth and the intensity of the woman who was just learning her way, was almost too marked to be effective.

The cast was strong throughout, but the women in it as a whole excelled the men. Effic Shannon as Grace Crosby was quiet and dignified until strong emotion was to be expressed, and then she was fully equal to the opportunty. She brought the first act to a striking climax. Her lover had chosen to stick to the people's cause rather than continue to be an aspirant for her hand, and when her purseproud relatives twitted her with his desertion she turned on them savagely and delivered robust sentiments with telling effectiveness.

Dorotny Donnelly was Louise. She was delightful in her lighter moods, but when she ventured into the tragic there was almost too much hysteria and a decided indistinctness of utterance. Grace Filkins as the wife of Grace Crosby's spendthrift brother was full of life. She had been an actress before her marriage and the family was almost as much scandalized by that as by Grace's determination to marry the friend of the people. She had many amusing lines and they lost nothing in her hands.

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The friend of the people, John Stedman; was played by Orrin Johnson, who brought to the part an attractive presence and a convincing personality. He had several speeches to make, and made them well. He had almost as much trouble with the labor leaders with whom he was associated as with the Milbank-Crosby families, against whose interests the men under him were on strike. He handled difficult situations tactfully and the audience amply rewarded his efforts.

Herbert Kelcey was a revelation to his

Herbert Kelcey was a revelation to his friends and admirers. He appeared as Richard Milbank, an elderly retired business man, to whose interference the happy settle-ment both of his niece, Grace Crosby's, ment both of his niece, Grace Crosby's, love affair and of the labor troubles in which his old firm was involved, was largely His acting throughout was capitally

done.
Lynn Pratt was sufficiently cold and recise as a modern man of business and the head of the Crosby family. Ralph Delmore was a big jawed, loud mouthed shouter for labor's righte and gave a telling sketch of that tpye of labor leader. Others in the cast who had something to do and did it well were George Parsons, Edwin Prandt, Carl Ahrendt, E. W. Morrison, George W. Deyo and Joseph Adelman.

### NORRIS IN "SIR ANTHONY." Haddon Chambers's Comedy of Suburban Life Well Received.

"Sir Anthony," a new comedy by C. Haddon Chambers, was produced at the Savoy Theatre last night and was received by a big audience with considerably more enthusiasm and signs of approbation that can be attributed to mere first night friend, liness. The piece has no very complex plot; it solves no social problems, nor does it call for any degree of unusual acting but it never ceases to be interesting, and it is well acted.

William Norris has the part around which all the action hinges, and although he is not even featured he is provided with more material than falls to the lot of many a star. He is Clarence Chope, an English clerk of the middle class, who returns home after a business trip to America. On the steamer he has met a peer and this slight acquaintanceship changes him into a snob. He pretends, even to his own family, that he and Sir Anthony are on the most intimate terms and both his employer and his rector beg him to use his influence in their behalf. He wears a monocle, uses high sounding words to his old friends and lords it over them generally until it becomes known all the action hinges, and although he is

He wears a monocle, uses high sounding words to his old friends and lords it over them generally until it becomes known as the climax to the second act that Sir Anthony has absolutely no use for him in any capacity. Then comes the awakening. His fiancée deserts him and he realizes what a cad he has been. He throws away the monocle, wins the girl back by licking his rival and getting a black eye himself, gives up his high and lofty manners and is forgiven by everybody.

Mr. Norris's work throughout was convincing and his was the biggest individual success. Olive Wyndham acted well the part of the girl who fell in love with him, in spite of his snobishness which, apparently, she only overlooked, and Joseph Tuohey did well as a boastful fellow clerk, who resented airs and later fought the fistic duel.

Maud Crichton, Alice Belmore, Herbert

Maud Crichton, Alice Belmore, Herbert Standing, Edna Bruna and Helen Lowell filled the lesser parts, and Verner Clarges, as a thick headed though well meaning rector, caused the heartiest laughs in the

### TRAINED EELS MISSING.

Stryker of Lebanon, Who Fed Them From His Hand, Offers a Reward for Them.

SOMERVILLE, N. J., Nov. 19 .- Josiah C. Stryker's twenty trained eels, which for years have been a wonder to the people from the countryside about Lebanon, have been stolen from the spring near Clark's creamery. The eels were in a small stream which flowed from the spring. It was their habit to enter the spring every day to be fed out of Stryker's hand. After he noticed the selections of the selection of the sel

fed out of Stryker's hand. After he noticed the eels first he spent many hours in patiently coaxing them to eat wormsout of his hand. Gradually the eels became so tame that they permitted Stryker to take them from the water and caress them. When Stryker rapped on the stone wall of the spring the eels would glide rapidly from the stream and gather about them.

The leader of the school, which had grown to three feet, Stryker had trained to grab a worm held several inches above the surface of the water. More than a thousand persons have visited the spring to see Stryker give an exhibition with the eels, and he has been offered big prices for them by museum men but he has refused to sell.

It is believed that some one who had learned Stryker's trick of calling the eels to the spring scooped them up in the night.

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Only two of the school of twenty now remain. Stryker has offered a reward to
anybody who will bring them back.

### News of Plays and Players.

Mrs. Richard Henry Savage's lecture on Josephine," Empress of France, which was to have been given at the Waldorf-Astoria this afternoon, has been postponed on account of the serious illness of Mrs.

Savage.

John Drew is among the stars who have volunteered for the H. C. Barnabee benefit on December 11 in the Broadway Theatre. Victor Herbert is another volunteer for the Barnabee performance as well as a member of the committee in charge. He and his band will be heard in a pot pourri

and his band will be heard in a pot pourri from "The Serenade."

"The Tourists" concludes its engagement of five months at the Majestic Theatre on December 10 and will then go on tour. Its first date after leaving the Majestic will be the Shubert Theatre, Brooklyn.

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Michael Patrick Laffey, formerly of Ottawa, met Miss Baron in New York city in the summer of 1904. She was visiting a sick relative. They became engaged and on his way to Ottawa to meet Miss Baron, Laffey was injured on November 12 in the Kamloops, British Columbia, wreck in which several lost their lives. Laffey was born in Dublin, Ireland, and when only 4 years old, his parents died within a month of each other, bequeathing him, it is said, a great fortune. He will be 21 years old on January 16, next, if he lives

21 years old on January 16, next, if he lives till then and would get possession of the principal and accumulation. He has worked at ranching in the West and in British Columbia and not many years age was kicked by a horse, receiving almost fatal injuries.

From British Columbia he corresponded regularly with Miss Baron and she was daily expecting him here, when the wreck occurred which will probably cost him his life. They were to be married here in May next. It is understood either an arm or leg and several ribs were broken.

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Miss Baron verifies the million dollar story and says he fully expected to get his inheritance early next year.

### A SPIRIT ABOVE HOUSEWORK.

Fourteen-year-old Boy Leaves Home on Trip No. 6 Affeld.

Fourteen-year-old Adrian Hoagland, for the sixth time, yesterday caused the police to be asked to send out a general alarm for him. Adrian's parents used to live in Brooklyn and only this spring moved to 230 West 114th street, Manhattan, in the hope that he would stay at home here. He at he would stay at home here. He cod it until Saturday.

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